



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
CORONADO NATIONAL FOREST**

PINALEÑO ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROJECT AREA CLOSURE

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited in the area as described in this Order, and as depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A, ("restricted area"), within the Safford Ranger District, Coronado National Forest, Graham County, Arizona:

1. Going into or being upon the "restricted area" closed for public health and safety.
36 CFR 261.53(e)
2. Being on the trail. **36 CFR 261.55(a)**

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e) the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Contractors, subcontractors, and associated employees involved in the commercial activities associated with the PERP restoration project in the official performance of their duties.

RESTRICTED AREA:

The closed area includes Cunningham Campground, Cunningham Trailhead, Cunningham Loop Trail (Trail #316), and the Moonshine dispersed camping area, as illustrated on the attached map. This area is located in Township 9S, Range 24E, Sections 4, 10, and 13.

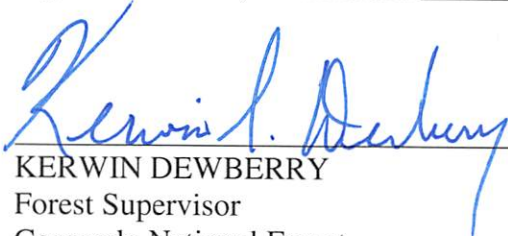
PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Order is necessary to protect the public's health and safety during implementation of a thinning project and use of heavy equipment (skidders, masticators, etc.).

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order shall be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until March 1, 2016 or until rescinded.
2. This Order supersedes, rescinds, and replaces any previous Orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this order.
3. Any violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for individuals and \$10,000.00 for organizations, and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571(b)(6), Title 18 USC 3581 (b)(7)].

Signed in Tucson, Arizona this 8th day of September, 2015.



KERWIN DEWBERRY
Forest Supervisor
Coronado National Forest

ORDER CHECKLIST

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Official(s)</u>	<u>Initials/Date</u>
Prepare proposed Order	Appropriate staff	<u>KE/08-25-15</u>
NEPA requirements complete	Appropriate staff	<u>KE/08-25-15</u>
CRIA requirements completed	Appropriate staff	<u>KE/08-25-15</u>
Prepare assessment of need	Appropriate staff	<u>KE/08-25-15</u>
Prepare enforcement plan	LEI	<u>AD - 8/27/15</u>
Review proposed Order and approve enforcement plan	Patrol Captain or SAC	<u>AD - 8/27/15</u>
Review by OGC	Regional OGC	<u>AD - 9/3/15</u>
Approve Order	Forest Supervisor or R3 Forester	<u><i>AD 9/8/15</i></u>
Post Order (36 CFR 261.51)	District Ranger/Forest Supervisor	_____
Prepare news releases	PAO	_____
Implement plan	LEO/District personnel	_____
Complete case file filing	Records Officer	_____
Update Regional Order database	Special Agent in Charge	_____

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Assessment of Need:

- 1) Purpose: To protect the public's health and safety during implementation of a thinning project and use of heavy equipment (skidders, masticators, etc.).
- 2) Scope of the Order: The closure may last until March 1, 2016 or until rescinded and involves the Cunningham Loop Campground Cunningham Trailhead, Cunningham Loop Trail (Trail #316), and the Moonshine dispersed camping area, as illustrated on the attached map. This area is located in T09S, R24E, Sec. 4, 10, and 13.
- 3) How interested or potentially affected person will be informed: Closure Orders will be posted at the Safford District Office as well as on Hwy 366 and on site. Also, the Forest will publish a news release.

NEPA Compliance: This Order falls under FSH 1909.15, 31.12, (1): "Orders issued pursuant to 36 CFR Part 261 - Prohibitions to provide short-term resource protection or to protect public health and safety". This Order will not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. The Order is necessary to protect the public from hazards associated with logging and thinning.

Civil Rights Impact Statement: This Order does not constitute a "major action" as defined in FSH 1709.11, 31.1, Exhibit 01 (attached). It temporarily closes a campground, trail & trailhead and a dispersed campsite to all user groups; as such, no one group is expected to be displaced or experience a disproportionate burden as a result of this Order.

for 
Kent C. Ellett
District Ranger

9/3, 2015

EXHIBIT C

Enforcement Plan 03-05-15-351

Prohibited activities:

- Going into or being upon the area (36 CFR 261.53(e))
- Being on the trail (36 CFR 261.55(a))

This area will remain closed effective (approximately) September 1, 2015, through March 1, 2016 and affects Cunningham Campground, Cunningham Trailhead, Cunningham Loop Trail (Trail #316), and the Moonshine dispersed camping area.

Forest Service law enforcement officers (LEO), as well as District Forest Protection Officers (FPO), will enforce the use restrictions in the indicated areas.

Forest Service Law Enforcement will coordinate with Graham County Sheriff's Department to gain their support and cooperation with enforcement efforts.

The closure areas will be posted to reasonably to notify the public using the area. Signs will be maintained on a regular basis, with the Closure Order and map posted on sign boards on roads entering the sites. Copies of the Closure Order and map will also be available at the Safford District office and the Coronado National Forest website.

All project personnel will have copies of the Order and map and will be responsible for notifying the District Ranger and LEOs of possible violations of the closure order.

/s/ Aaron Dobson Date 8/27/2015
Patrol Captain

Order Number 03-05-15-351

TERMINATION OF ORDER

CORONADO NATIONAL FOREST
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Pursuant to Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations 261.50 (a) and (b), the prohibition(s) listed in Order number 03-05-15-351 applicable to the Coronado National Forest, dated _____, and signed by Kerwin Dewberry, is hereby terminated, to take effect _____.

KERWIN DEWBERRY
Forest Supervisor
Coronado National Forest

Date